



2014

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Jamey Aebersold.

Whereas, The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Jazz Masters Fellowship is the highest honor our nation bestows on jazz artists;

Whereas, Jamey Aebersold was named the 2014 recipient of the A.B. Spellman NEA Jazz Masters Award for Jazz Advocacy;

Whereas, With his nomination, Jamey Aebersold joined the 132 individuals who, over the past 32 years, have been recognized with this special honor and will forever be known as NEA Jazz Masters:

Whereas, In 1966, while assisting at a workshop in Connecticut, Jamey Aebersold created the first Play-A-Long recording when a student requested a recording of his piano accompaniment so he could rehearse and improvise at home;

Whereas, These Play-A-Long recordings have made it possible for jazz players of all ages to create an interactive jazz environment in a classroom, their living room, or just about anywhere;

Whereas, For nearly 50 years, Jamey Aebersold has produced 133 volumes of jazz recordings and books, creating a new venue for jazz education;

Whereas, In recognition of his many accomplishments,



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Jamey Aebersold was inducted into the International Association for Jazz Education Hall of Fame, and the Jazz Midwest Clinic honored him with the Medal of Honor in jazz education;

Whereas, Jamey Aebersold taught at three colleges and universities in the Louisville, Kentucky, area, and, in 1992, received an honorary doctorate of music from Indiana University where he received a master's degree in saxophone in 1962;

Whereas, Born and currently residing in New Albany, Jamey Aebersold continues to teach, conduct jazz clinics around the country, and perform as leader of the Jamey Aebersold Quartet in addition to running Jamey Aebersold Jazz; and

Whereas, By educating people about the wonders of jazz, Jamey Aebersold has contributed to the legacy of jazz that will be passed on from generation to generation: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates James Aebersold on his selection as the 2014 A.B. Spellman NEA Jazz Masters Award for Jazz Advocacy and to urge him to continue teaching and proclaiming the wonders of jazz.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to James Aebersold.



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